



CAL FIRE State Fire Marshal Monthly Report to the California Fire Prevention Officers



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Happy New Year to each and all of you!

2008 is going to be the year we kick back, take some time off, and relish all the successes we pushed hard to achieve in 2007 - Adoption of the I-Codes, the rollout of the FHSZ maps and WUI Building Standards, internal re-organization, the increased visibility of planning and prevention, the fires of Tahoe and the 2007 Siege, the appointment of both ASFM Tonya Hoover and myself to our current positions, the fully appointed State Board of Fire Services and STEAC, and the list goes on. It is going to be a real pleasure letting this year just drift by while we simply keep the lights on!

Almost had you, didn't I?

2008 is going to be ANOTHER fast and furious Fire Prevention and Training Year!

This year we have our eyes on:

- Developing the OSFM into a national Fire Prevention and Training role model.
- Spearheading a comprehensive CA WUI Fire Prevention and Planning Strategic Plan.
- Adoption (finally) of the SFT Blueprint 2020 and it's kick-off implementation
- Operational implementation of the MOU with the CA Insurance Commissioner
- Rollout of the Dangerous Fireworks Enforcement, ABI, and Fireworks Disposal program
- Conceptual development of WUI Risk Maps with local AHJ's.
- More Code Development and more Code Training
- Defensible Space Certification courses

.....and the list will go on from there. The Chiefs at Cal Fire/SFM are putting the finishing touches on our 2008/09 Work Plan and the list of planned accomplishments will rival those of 2007. It's a very dynamic, exciting, sleepless, and rewarding time here at the OSFM. Your support, appreciative comments, constructive criticisms, and helping hands are what make it all happen. Cheers to you, Partners!

Maybe we can rest in 2009.....

Fire and Resource Assessment Program

Assessing the Fires of October 2007

During the recent fires in Southern California the State Operations Center (SOC) required GIS support for a wide range of emergency response functions. These functions included development of data and maps for specific fire incidents, wide area tracking of fire activity, post-fire Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) support and damage assessment. Staff of the OSFM Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) assisted in the functions. They acquired remotely sensed imagery, burn severity maps, post fire erosion potential and geology maps to support BAER teams in the field.

CAL FIRE Director, Ruben Grijalva has adopted the revised maps for Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA). The files have now been submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for review. Draft maps and data for Fire Hazard Severity Zone for Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) have been developed and contacts are being made with cities, counties and fire protection districts to review the maps and data. Information on the FHSZ process and maps can be found at the CAL FIRE website at http://www.fire.ca.gov/wildland_zones.php.

State Fire Training

I.C.C. Code Classes Now Available

The International Code Council (ICC) California Fire Code and California Building Code courses are now being offered through the Fire Prevention section of the California Fire Chiefs Association. For more information and to sign up go to www.firepreventionofficers.org/classes.html

Fire and Life Safety

The Staff of the SFM Monrovia office welcomed Fred Paesano in November as their Deputy State Fire Marshal in the Fire and Life Safety Division South., He has been involved with the Fire service for approximately 16 years. He started his career with the Santa Ana Fire Department in Orange County California in 1991. In 2001, he accepted a position with the Tulare County Fire Department as a Fire Inspector and promoted to Senior Fire Inspector, Plans Review Officer in 2003. In 2005, he accepted a position with Fresno Fire Department as a Fire Prevention Inspector I and promoted to an Inspector II. Fred can be reached via email at: fred.paesano@fire.ca.gov or cell at (626) 523-9224.



Pipeline Safety

Did you know that in addition to the approximately 6000 miles of hazardous liquid pipelines, the pipeline safety division also regulates over 750 storage tanks in the state? These tanks are required to be designed, constructed and operated according to federal and state regulations. In addition to performing inspections of these breakout tanks, the division has begun an inspection and testing program on all piping located at each of Kinder Morgan's bulk loading terminals located throughout the state. This testing process (developed by Vista Research) will be performed periodically at each facility to verify that the piping located between the tanks is not leaking. We are in discussions with the California Water Quality Control Board to establish statewide testing protocols and to delineate jurisdictional boundaries.



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